

Report for the month of January, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1945, was estimated to be 493,700

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			DECEMBER		12 months ended December.	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Marriages	..	No.	351	361	3,791	4,506
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	8.37	8.74	7.72	9.28
Births	..	No.	657	862	10,680	10,870
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	15.67	20.86	21.74	22.39
Deaths	..	No.	360	314	4,713	4,478
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	8.59	7.60	9.59	9.23
Infant Mortality	No.		18	32	313	355
"	"	Rate per 1000 Live Births	27.40	37.12	29.31	32.66
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>						
Tuberculosis			11	7	163	149
Cancer			31	46	564	566
Influenza			3	-	13	9
Diphtheria			3	3	20	24
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			35	26	438	398
Arteriosclerosis			11	6	175	173
Diseases of the Heart			100	93	1,332	1,104
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			25	15	286	322
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			3	8	45	57
Nephritis			26	10	213	166
Diseases of Early Infancy			6	23	176	197
Senility			14	9	150	179
Accidents			19	18	245	250
All Other Causes			73	50	893	884
Total			360	314	4,713	4,478

* Equivalent Annual Rate

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1946 totalled 5,813 acres, a decrease of 13,46 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 5,126 acres, a decrease of 708,135 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of January		7 months ended January	
	1946 £	1945 £	1946 £	1945 £
Revenue ..	1,325,630	1,257,932	7,438,357	7,946,486
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.13.8d.	£2.11.6d.	£15.1.11d.	£16.6.4d.
Expenditure	1,306,495	1,190,692	8,296,057	8,022,881
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.12.11d.	£2.8.9d.	£16.16.9d.	£16.9.6d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st January, 1946, amounted to £36,637,568, or £74.2.8d. per head of population, as against £29,325,444, or £60.0.2d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 28th January, 1946 amounted to £3,782,740, compared with £3,065,855 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			JANUARY		7 months ended January	
			1946	1945	1946	1945
Transfers	..	(No. (£	1,274 547,992	767 285,651	7,693 3,328,748	5,884 2,337,243
Mortgages	..	(No. (£	550 510,388	225 171,287	2,964 2,601,152	1,592 1,514,012
Discharges of Mortgages		No.	662	390	4,162	3,251

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods £	Tax Collected £
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross) £	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT Payable (Gross) £		
1945 -				
January	308,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,671,491	133,311
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462
1946 -				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

27 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £575,100, and 17 Foreign Companies were registered for the seven months ended 31st January, 1946. For the corresponding period last year, there were registered 5 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £18,500, and 6 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	7 MONTHS ENDED 31ST JANUARY					
	1946			1945		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	8	10,281	6,259	2	3,257	2,046
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	2,025	230	1	672	1,016
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		DECEMBER		6 months ended December	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings	£	336,700	373,000	2,006,206	2,210,100
Working Expenses	£	331,074	313,890	1,998,264	1,936,151
Train Miles run		527,478	525,141	3,080,405	3,058,735
Passenger Journeys		1,386,353	1,005,715	8,304,830	9,193,631
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		206,597	182,157	1,189,040	1,107,717
Livestock		10,815	11,875	74,727	87,079
Departmental (free Freight)		34,691	30,550	227,708	227,105
Total		251,503	230,582	1,491,475	1,421,901
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		26,465,353	22,391,436	152,243,811	133,364,428
Livestock		1,237,653	1,341,636	8,639,378	10,546,337
Departmental (free Freight)		5,264,384	5,485,649	33,041,872	34,815,503
Total		32,967,390	29,218,721	193,925,061	178,726,268

4 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buscs	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buscs	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	2	110	4	55
June	6	20	-	7	9	20	-	7
July	-	20	2	7	-	34	2	8
August	-	12	-	7	-	21	-	7
September	2	19	-	4	2	29	-	6
October	5	21	1	4	7	31	-	15
November	4	26	-	11	4	30	-	11
December	6	9	1	5	6	20	1	5
1946 -								
January	8	13	-	27	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS). (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buscs	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buscs	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	270	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
September	17,950	6,188	193	2,637	29,699	23,549	226	4,278
October	18,195	6,528	199	2,932	29,889	24,300	238	4,682
November	18,393	6,762	201	3,139	30,351	25,168	243	5,068
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184	30,403	25,367	244	5,109
1946 -								
January	18,632	7,196	204	3,568	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buscs	Motor Cycles
1946 - January	39	418	5	7

TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the six months ended December, 1945 and 1944, respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	December		6 months ended December		December		6 months ended December	
	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Oversea	112	260	2,367	2,569	904	1,612	6,367	7,925
Interstate	1,579	1,163	7,956	7,365	296	584	4,193	1,867
Total	1,691	1,423	10,323	9,934	1,200	2,196	10,560	9,792

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
January, 1946	108	*163,402	11	6,955	187	20,979	366	*191,336
January, 1945	65	50,580	-	-	111	19,171	176	69,751
7 months ended January, 1946	770	646,681	32	29,541	1,339	188,600	2,141	866,571
7 months ended January, 1945	274	182,896	9	11,393	668	134,815	951	329,104

* Includes dwellings under the Commonwealth War Housing Trust which number 82 for a value of £85,138.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued.	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
January, 1946	15	8,098	6	2,047	40	4,561	61	14,706
January, 1945	13	11,226	2	810	30	1,111	45	13,147
7 months ended January, 1946	104	74,362	17	6,929	222	18,410	343	99,801
7 months ended January, 1945	41	28,029	8	2,296	162	10,602	211	40,927

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,417,531 lbs. were produced during December, 1945, and 9,699,672 lbs. for the six months ended December, 1945, as against 1,300,567 lbs. and 9,531,448 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		JANUARY		12 months ended December	
		1946	1945	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	42,471	36,796	406,393	466,264
Value (Australian Currency)	£	447,099	384,521	5,010,541	4,900,001

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the month ended January, 1946 amounted to £411, as against £31,250 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	JANUARY		7 months ended January	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area:	1052	1051	1058	1057
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1182	1173	1189	1184
Northam	1061	1060	1067	1067
Bunbury	1049	1033	1043	1039
Geraldton	1075	1073	1081	1090

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139	142	-	955	835	827	876
May	112	119	131	140	143	-	927	836	832	891
June	113	118	135	139	143	-	907	835	829	903
July	113	117	136	140(a)	143	1000	888	828	832	899
August	113	119	136	140	142	987	882	814	832	897
September	114	120	137	140	139	994	877	806	834	914
October	115	122	138	141	139	996	874	801	837	929
November	116	123	136	142	142	1016	873	814	851	965
December	118	124	137	143	142	1028	886	840	886	1,012

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA. (Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JANUARY		7 months ended January	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	15,814	15,312	108,229	108,180
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	13,901	13,383	91,720	91,420

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
January, 1946	4,376	213	65,806	18,161
January, 1945	4,828	363	100,616	14,499
Twelve months ended December 1945	68,822	3,940	907,095	169,717
Twelve months ended December 1944	53,524	4,047	1,171,535	156,170